

## House Resolution 1071

By: Representatives Mangham of the 94<sup>th</sup>, Abrams of the 84<sup>th</sup>, Jones of the 44<sup>th</sup>, Taylor of the 55<sup>th</sup>, and Stephenson of the 92<sup>nd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Sheriff Raymond R. Bell; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Sheriff Raymond R. Bell has been a Georgia law enforcement officer for over  
3 two decades and is highly regarded by the citizens of his community and state and by local  
4 government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the sound  
5 principles of law enforcement; and

6 WHEREAS, this distinguished Georgian has conscientiously and diligently devoted his time,  
7 talents, and energy to protecting the people of Sussex County during his 25 years of  
8 superlative service with the Sussex County Sheriff's Department; and

9 WHEREAS, Sheriff Bell holds the distinction as serving as the first African American  
10 Sheriff in Sussex County; and

11 WHEREAS, during his years of dedicated service, Sheriff Bell has been instrumental in  
12 dramatically decreasing the drug trafficking and crime rates for the area, serving as an  
13 example to all law enforcement officers in the State of Georgia; and

14 WHEREAS, Sheriff Bell has exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty,  
15 fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties, and his efficient and  
16 effective commitment to excellence has been continually recognized by his peers; and

17 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the members of this body show their  
18 gratitude for the unique and often unheralded contributions of Sheriff Bell and all local law  
19 enforcement officers on behalf of the citizens of this state.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
21 the members of this body unanimously commend the care, courage, sympathy, and selfless  
22 dedication exhibited by Sheriff Raymond R. Bell in carrying out the difficult duties of his

23 vocation for so many years and extend to him their utmost appreciation for having so purely  
24 and truly defined for others the meaning of public servant.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
26 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Sheriff Raymond R. Bell.